HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Weekly newsletter 5 W/E 9th October 2026

PLEASE NOTE: Car park gates are closed between 8.25am - 8.45am & 3.10pm - 3.35pm for safety

Dates for your Diary

W/b 12th October 2026
Parental appointments

Tuesday 13th Oct 2026
- Y2 Trip - £5.70 - to be paid by 12th Oct
- Y6 visitor - £5.00 - to be paid by 9th Oct

Wednesday 21st Oct 2026
Halloween Disco £2.00
EYFS/KS1-3.15pm - 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Book a slot on the Compass App before Thursday 15th Oct
NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thursday 22nd Oct 26
Harvest Festival 10.00am & 2.00pm
Ticket on sale from the school office Mon 12th Oct - £1.00 -
THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT - Max 2 tickets per family

Friday 23rd Oct 2026
Break up for half term

W/B 2nd November 2026
Derwent Hill Trip

Tuesday 10th Nov 26
School photo day - normal school uniform on top for all children

Monday 2nd Nov 2026
Children return to school

Friday 18th Dec 2026
Break up for Christmas

W/B 10th May 27
KS2 SATS - all children have exams throughout May

Harvest Festival

We are excited to one again welcome you to our Harvest Festival at 10.00am & 2.00pm on Thursday 22nd October. Ticket's on sale from the school office from Monday 12th October - £1.00 - **THIS IS CASH ONLY EVENT - Max 2 tickets per family**

We would be very grateful if you could donate items that will be given to Sunderland Foodbank following our celebration.
Children can take donations to class.

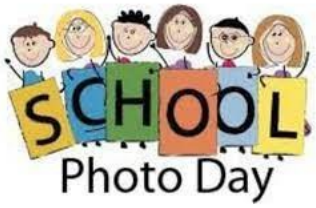
Items that they are in urgent need of are:

- Tinned potatoes and tomatoes
- Biscuits and long life fruit juice
- Toiletries and carrier bags/bags for life

School Photos

We have the school photographer in school on Tuesday 10th November. Throughout the day all children will have their individual photographs taken & also with their siblings who are currently in our school. If you have a pre-school child & would like a photograph with all of your children, please come to the office at 8.30am.

Children who would normally have PE that day, will wear their pe kit on the bottom & their normal school uniform on the top, (white shirt & year group sweatshirt/cardigan) & **not their coloured pe top,** as the photographs are head & shoulders.



Heroes of the Week



Well done to the children who won this week:

- Luna Smith
- Nola Paul
- Oliver Sawczynski
- Hope Smiles
- Rosie Rushworth
- Evie Lucas Collings
- Violet Kennedy
- Isla Clark
- Toby Spencer
- Vinnie Jones

Every week, a 'Hero of the Week' is chosen from each class and they get to add 10 tokens to their house collection!

Halloween

Children can come to school in fancy dress for Halloween on Wednesday 21st October.

We will also be having Halloween parties on that night.

- EYFS and KS1 (3.15 – 4.15pm) straight after school
- KS2 4.30 – 5.30pm.

£2 per child **Book a slot on the Compass App before Thursday 15th Oct**
Includes Hot dog, drink, sweets and chance to win prizes

No tickets will be available after this date!
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Happy Birthday to the children who have Birthdays:



Beau Phillipskirk
Sophia Lachut
Heidi Whittle

OPAL Hero

The OPAL Superstar award is awarded to someone who has showed a real commitment to OPAL and being a positive role models to others.

The winners for this week is:

- **Freya Collier**

A huge well done and keep it up.

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for week ending 9th October

KS1: Y2	**95.36%**
KS2: Y6	**97.20%**

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FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AND PUPILS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

What if our school cook didn't show up?

What would happen if our school cook didn't show up for work? Who would prepare our school dinners and make sure everyone was fuelled and ready to learn?

Just like our school cook, every child has an important place at school! When children are absent, they miss valuable learning, time with friends and exciting opportunities.

Showing up everyday matters. Every school day is a chance to learn something new, build friendships and prepare for the future.

Let's make everyday count – be here, be on time, be ready to learn!



Year 3





Year 3 have enjoyed learning all about our feature author 'Roald Dahl' this week. We searched for facts around the playground and practiced our reading skills with our partners to find out about his interesting life. We are going to use these facts in our Roald Dahl reports that we will be writing over the next few weeks. Watch this space!







Year 2

In **Literacy**, we have enjoyed writing a range of sentences, while in **Maths** we have been exploring place value and partitioning numbers using different models. We have also been thinking about our **future careers** and the steps we can take to achieve our dreams – why not ask us at home what we would like to be when we grow up?

We have also been practising our **Hylton Heroes**, showing consideration by making friendship bracelets for our friends and responsibility by keeping our desks and belongings organised and tidy.



Nursery



This week nursery children put on their wellies and waterproofs and headed to our small woods to build a bug hotel!

The children worked together to collect logs and add them to our hotel. We found lots of minibeasts hiding under-neath the logs and enjoyed looking closely at them. We talked about why we were making a bug hotel and how it gives minibeasts a safe place to live and hide.





The children showed lots of curiosity and teamwork during our outdoor learning!

